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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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**Kunio SHIMIZU et al.** ) Group Art Unit: 1772  
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Application No.: 09/900,961 ) Examiner: Sow Fun Hon  
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Filed: July 10, 2001 )  
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For: CELLULOSE ESTER FILM, )  
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PROTECTIVE FILM OF )  
POLARIZING PLATE AND )  
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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following Preliminary Remarks and Rule 132 Declaration, which are being filed after the Request for Continued Examination filed January 26, 2004, but before a first office action.

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 15, 16, 18-24, and 26-28 are currently pending in this application. No amendment is included with these Preliminary Remarks.

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